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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OKUDA, Takashi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1648**

Serial No.: **10/594,449**

Examiner: **KINSEY WHITE, Nicole**

Filed: **September 26, 2006**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1239**

For: **RECOMBINANT HERPESVIRUS AND USES THEREOF**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**

**GROUP ART UNIT 1648**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 17, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 19, 2008**, the period for response extended to **December 19, 2008**, by a Petition for a **one-month** Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.